RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 58

Travancoreans in War Service.

60. * **MR. P. O. THOMAS** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Travancoreans in war service and the religions and castes to which they belong?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The number up to the end of July 1944 is approximately estimated to be 70,000. Information as to their religions and castes is not available.

E. M. School at Edapally.

61. * **MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the accommodation of the English Middle School at Edapally;

(*b*) what is the strength of each class of the school at present; and

(*c*) whether there are proper seating arrangements for the whole strength?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The English Middle School, Edapally, has accommodation for 247 pupils.

(*b*)

Preparatory Class		101.
Form	I	82.
,,	II	62.
,,	III	56.

(*c*) Not quite sufficient.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: In view to the insufficient nature of accommodation for school children, how do Government propose to tackle the problem?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: By means of temporary sheds.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Then, may I know why they have not been put up?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Last time the work could not be taken up for want of proper tenderers.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to take steps to ease the situation at least this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

Nedumangad English Middle School.

62. * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students passed in the III Form Public Examination from the Nedumangad English Middle School during the last academic year; and

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